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DHS Releases Funding Assistance to Tornado Victims

(Little Rock--) The Department of Human Services announces it will release \$67,000 in individual and family grants for those affected by the tornadoes on February 5, 2008. Under the direction of Governor Beebe, the department is releasing discretionary grant funding to Arkansans in Izard, Sharp, Stone, Pope, Conway, Baxter, and Van Buren Counties.

“Disasters of this magnitude have an incredible ripple affect on everyone, but can be particularly devastating to those already struggling to make ends meet,” said John Selig, DHS Director. “Our county staff, whose own homes and lives have been affected by the tornadoes, have done an incredible job of helping coordinate services in their communities. It’s a real source of pride to see everyone pulling together.”

The funding, provided by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, will help more than 300 families in the affected areas with issues such as housing food and medicine. The resources will be transferred to the local Community Action Agencies for distribution. Families or individuals seeking assistance should make application with one of the following agencies:

Northcentral Arkansas Development Council, Batesville, Arkansas
Telephone: (870) 793-5765
FAX: (870) 793-2167
Email: nadcinc@yahoo.com

Ozark Opportunities, Inc., Harrison, Arkansas
Telephone: (870) 741-9406
FAX: (870) 741-0924
Email: ooi@alltel.net

Arkansas River Valley Area Council, Inc., Dardanelle, Arkansas
Telephone: (479) 229-4861
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